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Missourians Need This Information!

By Tony L. Legg, Busch Outdoor Education Center Supervisor

Outdoor enthusiasts, do you enjoy bird watching, camping by a nice stream, lake or pond, hiking in unique areas, enjoying a nice swimming hole in a cool stream, hunting or fishing, but areas you are interested in are on private land? Land owners do you have beautiful acreage that you may let responsible folks enjoy or need help in controlling wildlife populations that are damaging you crops, attacking other animals, making the roads unsafe, etc, but you are worried about being sued if you allow someone on your property and an injury would occur? Missouri has the answer for both of you, The Missouri Recreational Use Act passed in 1983.

In the next article from a lawyer who has had experience with this act you made find out information that can open up numerous possibilities. However, outdoor enthusiasts you still have to get permission and that can be difficult since most folks do not know about this act. You need to approach the land owner as though you were going for a job interview, put your best foot forward and dress appropriately, no camo, derogatory T-shirt, etc. Leave the land better than you found it, pick up trash even if it's not yours, offer to repair damage items, treat and respect the owner's property. Close gates, stay out of crops, walk into most areas don't drive or use ATV's and leave tracks or damage the ground and hunters or fishermen offer a share of your harvest to the landowner. If the answer is no, do not get upset they may send you to someone who will let you or maybe their neighbor if you approach them.

Land owners, you are protected in Missouri when you allow folks to use your property to enjoy outdoor recreation for free. Plus, there is nothing wrong with interviewing someone who wants to use your land. Ask questions, ask their experience level, get their name, address & phone number, check hunting or fishing permits, hunter education certification, talk about any limitations and rules. You may just make some great friends.

Missouri Recreational Use Act

By David Bub, Principle -Brown & James, PC

Few people in this country would disagree that there are way too many lawsuits and way too many "sue-happy" people out there. As a result, many landowners deny access to their land to people who want to go hunting, fishing or engage in other outdoor activities for fears of being sued. Given the amount of lawsuits that are out there, who can blame them??? Fortunately, our Missouri Legislature passed a law back in 1983 designed to protect landowners from lawsuits arising out the recreational use of their land. This law is commonly known as Missouri's Recreational Use Act (§537.346-48 RSMo. 1983) ("MRUA" or "Act").

The MRUA specifically states that a landowner cannot be held liable for damages to any person who uses his or her land for "recreational use" as long as there is no fee charged by the landowner. The MRUA explicitly defines what constitutes "recreational use" and it includes most activities we normally think of as recreational such as hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, etc. The MRUA also defines what is meant by a fee or "charge" as a price or fee to use the land or where permission is given for purposes of sales promotion or other business purposes.

The MRUA will protect from liability most landowners who allow access to their land for recreational purposes arising out of unfortunately accidents and/or incidents that happen to those people using the land. However, landowners must be aware that there are several exceptions to the MRUA that will take away the protections afforded by this law. First, the MRUA does not protect the landowner from acts of "gross negligence" or "ultrahazardous conditions" on the property. Although not specifically defined by the Act, these types of activities go far beyond simple neglect of one's land (ie. forgot to tell the hunter about the land mines planted everywhere on the farm). (Continued on page 4)

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These are the Glory Days

By Eric Edwards, Henges Outdoor Education Supervisor

Last week a friend and I were discussing the glory days of quail and rabbit hunting and that we may never see the abundance of birds and rabbits like we had twenty or twenty five years ago. I agreed and said with a little management for quail and rabbits I think we will see a good number of small game return. However we are in the glory days of turkey and white-tailed deer.

This will be my twenty fifth year of deer hunting in Missouri and nineteenth year of spring turkey hunting. I recall that first year, how eagerly I would jump off the school bus and check the mail box that fall to see if I had gotten a letter from the Department of Conservation. This letter at the time was like notification of winning the lottery. If you were one of the lucky ones in your unit you would draw an "any-deer" tag. Alas, I was not so lucky.

Opening morning came and I was still psyched, despite the odds of only being able to shoot an antlered deer. When I opened the front door I wasn't sure what to react to first: the brisk NW wind, the fresh blanket of a 6" snow or the 20 degree temps. My father reassured me that this would be a good day for deer hunting. After sitting on a snow covered log for 4 or 5 hours I was beginning to doubt my fathers' wisdom of what a good day it was. When we went into our "deer cabin" (a metal shed with wood burning cook stove) family and friends were gathered around



drinking coffee discussing how their morning hunt had gone. When some one asked how my morning had gone I enthusiastically replied great. I did want to be the first one

of the day to complain about the weather or hunting. Everyone had a good chuckle and then told me I must be a dedicated hunter to stay out in those conditions for so long. Their praise was all it took and I was hooked from that moment on. Although hunting hard and long every day I was able, I didn't even see a white-tail that year. As the shooting light faded on the last day my dad asked if I was ready to concede defeat. I said "yep but when is opening day next year".

Today's deer hunting is much different with the ability to go to the local convenience store and depending on where you hunt being able to buy as many antler-less tags as you want. Many of today's white-tail hunters are required to only take a buck that has a minimum of four points on one side. I'll be willing to bet that most if not all hunters at least see a deer during their time afield. Youth hunters have an individual season just for them so they won't have to compete with thousands of other more experienced hunters. Their mentors that take them hunting can spend the whole time helping the youth have a quality time pursuing their quarry rather than try to put meat in their own freezer.

The Bowhunter of today gets over 100 days to pursue deer and turkey. Muzzle loader hunters have their own separate season as well. We in this state even have a season that allows us to harvest nothing but antler-less deer. Turkey hunters now have three weeks in order to try and out smart a crafty old tom. Missouri hunters take more turkeys than any other state in the union.

If you look at how far we have come in such a small amount of time I think how extraordinary it is and thankful that I am able to enjoy the glory days of deer and turkey hunting in Missouri. Make sure that

the next time you are outdoors you realize that the wildlife populations we now enjoy weren't always like this and someday may never be again. Be sure to take a youth or someone inexperienced along so they too can enjoy all the game we enjoy.

Henges Staffer Goes to the Extreme Never in My Wildest Dreams

By Karen Myeres, Henges Range Assistant



Isn't it fascinating how a small, unexpected event can bring about something significant?

While attending the St. Louis Boat and Sports Show, I stopped to talk with the man staffing the State of Texas booth. I commented that my friend and I were thinking about hunting Javelina in Texas, but that his fantasy hunt is an African safari. Oh, the man said, my sister lives in South Africa, and is the secretary for the Professional Hunters Association of South Africa. (Unexpected event.) With receipt of the information from the sister, my friend began to earnestly research safari locations and outfitters. Armed with knowledge, we selected a 10-day plains game hunt with Bateleur Safaris in South Africa. On June 20, 2005, we boarded South African Airways in Atlanta for the 17-hour flight to Johannesburg. (This is the something significant!)

Before your mind starts getting lost in thoughts of Zebra and Impala, let me tell you about the pre-hunt work. A year to six months is not too early to get organized. We joined Safari Club International. The SCI Safari magazine is a valuable source of safari how-to information. Next, came the selection of our travel service. It is important to go with a travel service that has a solid reputation for servicing hunters. Along with working out the travel plans, Custom Travel out of Greenfield, WI, provided extensive information on what we needed to know about traveling to South Africa and provided detailed instructions concerning the importation of our firearms. Our third primary source of safari information came from www.houstonsafariclub.org (select Hunting Information, select African Tips for Trips).

The resource information we gathered helped us to create our travel and equipment lists. We copied all travel documents and government forms that were carried in our carry-on bags. One copy set went into the checked bag and another went to a family member who could help in case something got lost or stolen. The attention to detail paid off. Our entire trip was problem free.

Now we can talk Zebra and Impala. My friend was very definite about which five animals he wanted to hunt. And he was completely successful, Zebra included. I, on the other hand, decided I would be happy with just an Impala. However, each time our guide asked me if I wanted one of those, I replied, "Well, I guess so". In addition to the impala, I took three "Well, I guess so's": Blue Wildebeest, Gemsbok, and Waterbuck.

We have attended both the 2004 and 2005 Annual Banquet and Auction hosted by the Ozark Chapter, Safari Club International in Springfield, MO. When the letter arrived announcing the club's annual Awards Dinner, my friend insisted I submit my application, including narratives and documented SCI scores. In recognition of my safari, I was presented two 2005 awards: African Plains Game for an outstanding SCI record book Blue Wildebeest, and Female Hunter of the Year. What an unexpected event!

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To Register for Programs/Classes Call (636) 441-4554

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Archery Equipment Pre-Season Inspection & Maintenance

Tuesday, 1st – 6:30pm to 9pm

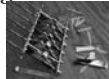
Join MDC as we welcome “The Bow Doctor” Mike Roos of Mike’s Bait, Tackle & Archery. Mike will take you through all the in’s and out’s of inspecting and taking care of your archery equipment. Bring your bow or crossbow and equipment to follow along with **Registrations Begin June 19th.**



Basics of Modern Arrow Building

Wednesday, 2nd – 6pm to 9pm

Busch staff will conduct a program to provide information to get you started like shaft selection, fletching, glues, inserts, nocks, etc. and putting it all together. **Registrations Begin: June 28th.**



Intermediate Shotgun Shell Reloading

Wednesday, 2nd – 6:30pm to 9pm

Join MDC and Reloading Expert Craig Bischof of Graf’s Reloading in St. Charles as he discusses the how-to’s of reloading your own shotgun shells. Mike will discuss powders, loading charts, reloaders, shells, hulls, wads, primers, and answer questions you may have. **Registrations Begin: July 1st.**



Bank Fishing Basics

Thursday, 3rd – 6pm to 10pm

Bank fishing is available to everyone, learn about reels, polls and techniques for successful fishing from the bank. **Registrations Begin: June 29th.**



Missouri Bowhunter Education Certification

Friday, 4th – 6pm to 9pm &

Saturday, 5th – 9am to 4pm

The Missouri Bowhunter Education Certification Course meets the requirements in states that mandate Bowhunter Education Certification to hunt. Must attend both sessions and pass test. **Registrations Begin: June 21st.**



Intermediate Skeet Shooting

Saturday, 5th – 8am to 10am

This course is for shotgun shooters experienced in skeet shooting. Clinic will focus on game improvement and working on techniques and problem areas of individuals. This course will not cover basic shotgun or beginning skeet techniques. Individuals deemed inexperienced or lacking sufficient knowledge by the staff, will be released from the course. **Registrations Begin: June 21st.**



NRA Basic Shotgun Certification

Tuesday, 8th thru Thursday, 10th – 6pm to 9pm each night

This program covers safety, handling, types, shells, patterning, equipment, marksmanship fundamentals and more. The Range will provide all firearms and ammunition for those without equipment. Participants should bring their own firearms, ammunition, equipment, and owner’s manual to the course if they have them. **Registrations Begin June 23rd.**



Intermediate Trap Shooting

Saturday, 12th – 8am to 10am

This course is for shotgun shooters experienced in trap shooting. Clinic will focus on game improvement and working on techniques and problem areas of individuals. This course will not cover basic shotgun or beginning trap techniques. Individuals deemed inexperienced or lacking sufficient knowledge by the staff, will be released from the course. **Registrations Begin: June 27th.**



Women’s Archery Basics

Saturday, 12th - 9am to 2pm

This course will cover the ABC’s of the sport and conclude on the archery range with opportunities to shoot our equipment or your own. MDC will provide all equipment for the course, however you may bring your own. If bringing your own equipment, arrows with target/field tips only. **Registrations Begin: June 27th.**



AUGUST PROGRAMS

Hunter Education Certification

Tuesday, 15th thru Thursday, 17th – 5:30pm to 9:30pm each night

Open to ages 11 and up, youth ages 11 thru 13 must have adult attend with them, ages 15 and younger must bring birth certificate, ages 16 and older must have a valid ID. Must attend all three nights and pass test. **Registrations Begin: July 3rd.**



Tree Stand Safety

Saturday, 19th - 9am to 12pm

We will discuss the three basic stand types, hang on, climbing, and ladder. Safety needs of each type along with safety belts, ropes, knots, etc. We will conduct hands-on practice of installing and using each type. The #1 accident with deer hunting occurs due to falling from a tree stand so **Don’t Let Your Family Member Head To The Woods Without This Training.** **Registrations Begin: July 3rd.**



Firearms Cleaning

Saturday, 19th – 2pm to 5pm

This program covers safety, basic parts, basic disassembly, cleaning equipment, etc. The Range will provide some firearms and cleaning equipment. Participants may bring their own firearm, cleaning equipment, and owner’s manual to the program (**No Ammunition**). **Registrations Begin: Jul 5th**

NRA Basic Rifle

Tuesday, 22nd thru Thursday, 24th – 6pm to 9pm each night and Saturday, 26th – 8am to 2pm

This program covers safety, handling, types, ammunition, grouping, equipment, marksmanship fundamentals and more. The Range will provide all firearms and ammunition for those without equipment. **Registration Begins July 5th.**



Intermediate Metallic Cartridge Reloading

Wednesday, 19th – 6:30pm to 9pm

Join MDC and Reloading Expert Craig Bischof of Graf’s Reloading in St. Charles as he discusses the how-to’s of reloading your own rifle and handgun cartridges. Mike will discuss powders, loading charts, presses, brass, sizing, seating, primers, bullet types plus much more, and answer questions you have. **Registrations Begin: July 15th.**



Duck Calling/Waterfowl Seminar with the Pro

Wednesday, 30th – 6pm to 9pm

Duck calling seminar with National Ranked Calling Champion Kurt Daniels of “Show Me Calls”. Attendees only will have the opportunity to come back for calling lessons from Kurt every Week for four weeks from 7pm to 8am. **Registrations Begin: July 16th.**



We cannot but pity the boy who has never fired a gun; he is no more humane, while his education has been sadly neglected.

- Henry David Thoreau, *The Portable Thoreau*

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman

YMCA of the Ozarks Trout Lodge and Camp Lakewood in Potosi, Missouri, will hold a “Becoming an Outdoors-Woman” (BOW) program Aug. 25 through 27.

BOW is a popular international program designed for women 18 and older who are interested in learning outdoor skills. Courses offered at the August event include fishing, canoeing, rifle and shotgun shooting, deer and turkey hunting, kayaking, Dutch-oven cooking, wilderness survival, wildflower identification, orienteering, climbing and horsemanship.

To receive registration forms for either event, contact Mariah Hughes, 573/438-2154, ext. 238, mhughes@ymcastlouis.org or Rob Bonny, 573/438-2154, ext. 114, rbonney@ymcastlouis.org, or visit www.ymcaoftheozarks.org to download a registration form

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Youth Dove Clinic & Hunt

Friday, 1st – 6:30pm to 9pm Clinic

Sat, 2nd - Morning Hunt

Open to youth 11 to 15 years of age, who are Hunter Education Certified by the date of the hunt. MDC will provide shotguns and ammunition. **Registrations Begin: July 17th.**



Missouri Bowhunter Education Certification

Friday, 1st – 6pm to 9pm &

Sat, 2nd – 9am to 4pm

The Missouri Bowhunter Education Certification Course meets the requirements in states that mandate Bowhunter Education Certification to hunt. Must attend all both sessions and pass test. **Registrations Begin: July 17th.**



NRA Home Firearm Safety

Sat, 2nd – 1pm to 5pm

This course does not include any live firing of firearms, so it is ideal for all members of the family to participate for safety in the home. Students will receive FREE the NRA book "Home Firearm Safety" plus other materials. **Registrations Begin: July 19th.**



Hunter Education Certification

Tuesday, 5th thru Thursday, 7th - 5:30pm to 9:30pm each night

Held on three consecutive week nights for those with busy weekends and tight schedules. **Registrations Begin: July 24th.**



Trap Shooting Basics

Tue, 5th & Wed, 6th - 6pm to 9pm each night

Course will cover and instruct shooters on the game of trap shooting only. Attendees may bring own shotgun, 3 boxes #7 1/2 or #8 shot trap/target loads, eye and ear protection or ALL equipment will be provided by MDC. **Registrations Begin: July 24th.**



NRA Whitetail Deer Hunting Clinic

Saturday, 9th – 8am to 5pm

This course will cover all aspects of hunting the Whitetail Deer from preparation to safety, including equipment, scouting, tactics, game recovery and much more. **Registrations Begin: July 27th.**



Whitetail Deer Field to Freezer

Sunday, 10th - 1pm to 6pm

Join MDC staffers as they take you through the processes step by step so you understand what it takes and what you end up with. Attendees will have the opportunity to try some hands-on work for themselves. **Registrations Begin: July 28th.**



Surviving the Night

Monday, 12th – 6pm to 9pm

In Missouri most situations only require on night out before you are found or find your way out. We will teach you how to be prepared and what you need to keep yourself out of trouble. **Registrations Begin: July 29th.**



Knife Selection and Sharpening Basics

Tuesday, 13th – 6pm to 8pm

This seminar will cover the differences in knives, edges, angles, and some of the techniques to sharpen them correctly. Great class for scouts. Seating is limited and youth under 16 must attend with an adult. **Registrations Begin: July 30th.**



NRA Muzzle Loading Rifle Certification

Thursday, 14th – 6pm to 9pm and

Sunday, 17th – 9am to 3pm

This program covers safety, handling, types, powders, bullets, equipment, marksmanship fundamentals and more. MDC will provide all firearms and ammunition for those without equipment. **Registrations Begin: July 28th**



SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

Women In The Outdoors

Saturday, 16th – 8am to 4pm

Ditch the routine Saturday responsibilities and take some time to discover something new. It's time you have a play day. The great outdoors is calling. This event is designed to introduce you to outdoor activities and other girl stuff that maybe you have never tried. All in a friendly, laid-back, non-competitive environment. **For more information or registration contact Sarah Ewalt 1 Oak Valley Drive Saint Peters, MO 63376 314-302-8130 sarah.ewalt@gmail.com**



NRA Basic Pistol Certification

Tuesday, 19th thru Thursday, 21st

6pm to 9:30pm each night

The 10-hour course is conducted in three classes. This course is conducted as a public service. Attendees must be 21 years of age or older. Course does not meet the requirements for CCW Law. **Registrations Begin: Aug 1st.**



35th Annual

National Hunting and Fishing Day Celebration

Saturday, 23rd 9am to 3pm

Our NHF Day event provide opportunities for outdoor-oriented people and urbanites alike to learn more about outdoor skills and activities, offering hands-on events for archery, air rifles, firearms and muzzleloader shooting. Additionally, we are hoping to have wildlife art and taxidermy, dog training, hunter and/or wildlife education and outdoor skills enhancement for camping, hiking, bird watching and photography, fishing, canoeing, cooking or duck calling at the events, plus all our MDC divisions represented.



NRA Personal Protection in the Home

Tuesday, 26th thru Thursday, 28th

6pm to 9pm each night

The course is designed to develop in the students the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude essential to the safe and efficient use of a handgun for protection of self and family, and to provide information on the law-abiding citizen's right to self-defense. Prerequisites are required. Students will receive free "NRA Guide to the Basics of Personal Protection in the Home" plus other materials. **Registrations Begin: August 14th.**



NRA Wild Turkey Hunting Clinic

Saturday, 30th – 8am to 5pm

This clinic covers all aspects of hunting for wild turkey from preparation for the hunt, to safety, including equipment, scouting, tactics, fall and spring hunting, game recovery and more. **Registrations Begin: August 17th.**



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Second, the MRUA does not protect landowners whose land is within any city, town or municipal boundaries. Third, the Act does not apply to incidents that occur in a swimming pool. Fourth, the MRUA does not protect landowners in a "residential area" which is defined as a tract of land less than an acre in size used primarily for residential purposes. Finally, the MRUA does not apply to land used primarily for "commercial purposes". The Act specifically states that agricultural, grazing and forestry do not constitute "commercial purposes".

As such, landowners should have a little more peace of mind due to the MRUA the next time someone knocks on their door asking for permission to hunt or fish. However, as discussed above, there are a number of exceptions that landowners should know about before being completely assured that the hunter or fisherman won't be able to sue him or her as a result of an injury on their land.

To view the MRUA visit the following web sites;

<http://www.moga.state.mo.us/statutes/C500-599/5370000345.HTM>

<http://www.moga.state.mo.us/statutes/C500-599/5370000346.HTM>

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AUGUST PROGRAMS

Ladies Trap Shooting Series, 1st, 15th, and 29th, 6pm to 8pm

Learn the basics of shooting the game of trap. We will concentrate on the 4 fundamentals of shotgun shooting. This will start with a classroom session then move to the 16 yard line. Class is every other Tuesday evening in August. **Registration opens July 5th.**



Youth Trap Shooting Camp 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 9am to Noon

This 3 day camp will be based on the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP). Participants will learn basic fundamentals of 16 yard singles trap shooting. Participants should be physically able to shoot at least 100 shots per day. **Registration opens July 5th.**



Introduction to Fishing 3rd, 6pm to 9pm

Participants will learn the basics of fishing, what equipment is appropriate, how to tie knots, and how to rig your fishing setup. We will fish at a nearby lake. **Registration opens July 5th.**



Decoy Painting for Kids 5th, 9am to Noon

This class is an excellent way to learn waterfowl identification. Learn how to paint a life-size duck decoy that can be used as a real waterfowl decoy, or will make a nice home decoration. **Registration opens July 5th.**



BSA Shotgun Merit Badge 8th and 9th, Classroom Tuesday 6pm to 9pm and Shooting Wednesday 5pm to 9pm

This BSA program will be taught by NRA and Missouri Hunter Education instructors. This is a 2-day program. Program includes a 3 hour session on firearms safety, nomenclature, ammunition, and shooting fundamentals. Session 2 will include live fire proficiency testing. This is a popular BSA program and classes fill quickly. This program is designed to be an organized troop activity. Scout leaders must provide a 1 to 5 student ratio. Register early! **Registration opens July 10th.**



Arrow Fletching 9th, 6pm to 8pm

This class is designed to show the proper way to fletch different types of arrows, including aluminum and carbon. **Registration opens July 10th.**



Tree Stand Safety 10th, 6pm to 8pm

We will learn the safe use of various types of tree stands including the use of fall restraint devices. Demonstrations will include climbing stands, ladder stands, and hang-on stands. **Registration opens July 10th.**



Muzzleloading Rifle 10th and 12th, Classroom Thursday 6pm to 8pm, Shooting Saturday 8am to 10am

This is a two-part class on techniques of loading and shooting muzzleloaders. We will begin with a classroom session on the first evening, and then a shooting session on Saturday morning. **Registration opens July 10th.**



Outdoor Survival Skills 12th, 12:30pm to 4pm

Learn how to be prepared for emergency situations in the outdoors. We will examine what makes a good survival kit, fire starting, emergency signals, and mental preparedness. **Registration opens July 13th.**



Youth Trapping Clinic 12th and 13th, 9am to 3pm each day

We will learn the basics of trapping furbearers. Clinic will consist of classroom and field exercises. Instruction include water sets, landsets, lures, types of traps available today for best management practices. Clinic will include



care of pelt, and determining market value. **Registration opens July 12th.**

BSA Rifle Merit Badge

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Youth/Adult Dove Hunting Clinic 16th, 6pm to 9pm

Students will learn habitat, biology, dove hunting techniques, and shotgun and ammunition selection. There will be no live fire for this program. Students are encouraged to sign up for the Wingshooting program on August 24th and 31st to practice their shooting skills. Must be hunter education certified. **Registration opens July 17th.**



Basic Handgun 18th and 19th, Classroom Friday 6:30pm to 8pm, Shooting Saturday 8am to 10am

This course for beginners will cover handgun operation, shooting fundamentals, safety, maintenance, and safe storage. There is a live fire session with this program. Although equipment will be provided, you may bring your own handgun and ammunition. For ages 16 and up, but under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. **Registration opens July 18th.**



Missouri Hunter Education Certification Course Saturday, 19th, and Sunday, 20th – 9am to 4pm each day

The Hunter Education Certification Course, open to ages 11 and up, youth ages 11 through 13 must have an adult attend with them, ages 15 and younger must bring birth certificate, ages 16 and older must have a valid ID. Students must attend both days and pass exam. **Registration opens July 19th.**



Youth/Adult Squirrel Hunting Clinic 23rd, 6pm to 9pm

This program is designed for first time youth or adult squirrel hunters. Instruction will include proper firearm selection and safety, shooting fundamentals, squirrel biology and habitat, hunting techniques, and field game care. Must be hunter education certified. **Registration opens July 24th.**



Wingshooting Series 24th and 31st, 6pm to 8pm each day

Learn helpful techniques to sharpen your wingshooting skills for the upcoming bird hunting seasons. This will include two evening shooting sessions using remote traps. Shotgun shooting experience preferred. **Registration opens July 24th.**



Bowhunter Education 25th and 26th, Friday 6pm to 9pm and Saturday 9am to 4pm

This is the Bowhunter education certification course that is required in several states (not Missouri) and some Canadian provinces. This is a hunting technique class. Students must pass a test with a minimum grade to receive a lifetime certification. **Registration opens July 25th.**



All About Scopes and Optics 30th, 6pm to 8pm

Let's take a look at the various types of optical equipment available to the outdoor's person, including binoculars, rifle and handgun scopes, spotting scopes, and laser rangefinders. Discuss what fits your purpose and pocket book. **Registration opens July 28th.**



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Youth/Adult Archery Deer Clinic

2nd, 10am to 3pm

Learn the techniques of bowhunting whitetail deer including selection of archery equipment, hunting techniques, stands and locations, game recovery, and game care. **Registration opens August 2nd.**



How To Plant Food Plots

5th, 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Learn how to attract and hold deer on your own property no matter the acreage. What types of food sources work best, when to plant, and recommended equipment necessary to provide a quality deer hunting opportunity? **Registration opens August 4th.**



Outdoor Cooking With Dutch Ovens

7th, 6pm to 9pm

Learn how to cook outdoors using dutch ovens over open fire and propane gas. We'll sample some of our treats. **Registration opens August 7th.**



How To Zero Your Rifle

8th and 9th, Friday 6:30pm to 8:30pm and Saturday 8am to 10am

Learn how to properly adjust the sights on a rifle to be able to put your projectile where you want on your target at a specific distance. If you use your rifle, bring your own ammunition (40 rounds). **Registration opens August 8th.**



National Wild Turkey Federation JAKES Event

10th, 9am to 3pm

This program is in partnership with the NWTFF Big River Gobblers chapter. The event will include basic shotgun shooting, archery, .22 rifle, and BB gun marksmanship, outdoor survival skills, and more. **Registration opens August 10th.**



Ladies Basic Handgun Series

12th and 13th, Tuesday Classroom, 6:30pm to and Wednesday Shooting, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

This ladies program will cover handgun operation, shooting fundamentals, safety, maintenance, and safe storage. There is a live fire session with this program. Although equipment will be provided, you may bring your own handgun and ammunition. For ages 16 and up, but under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. **Registration opens August 14th.**



How To Care For Your Taxidermy

13th 6pm to 8pm

Learn to care for your prized game mounts and how to prevent dam-



Jay Henges Open House
For People Interested in Volunteering!!
September 16th 2006 - 6:30 p.m.



What does it take to become a volunteer? Do I have enough knowledge to be a volunteer? These are the two most commonly asked questions when someone asks about volunteering here at the range. If you've asked yourself these same questions or pondered the idea of being a volunteer, then I invite you to your next volunteer meeting. We will discuss the topics mentioned above as well as other important subjects.

Our meetings are rather informal and relaxed. This is one of the few times that we can all get together and relay important information to each other as well as any changes in the procedures or in our schedule. The meetings usually last for an hour or so and many of us will stick around and chew the fat after the meeting has been concluded.

The volunteer program was started at the Jay Henges Range sev-

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eral years ago in order to supplement the staff. Our volunteers are not expected to be experts in any field.

Youth Waterfowl Clinic

16th, 9am to 4pm

This is a program sponsored by Ducks Unlimited and the Missouri Department of Conservation. Program topics include firearms safety, water safety, waterfowl regulations, waterfowl needs and preferences, waterfowl ID, calling demonstration, hunting set-ups and strategies, shotgun fundamentals, and patterning exercise. Participants must be hunter education certified. **Registration opens August 14th.**



Basic Knife Sharpening

19th, 6:30pm to 8pm

A dull knife is a dangerous knife. Learn the proper equipment and techniques to keep your knives in tip-top shape. **Registration opens August 18th.**



Deer Processing from Field to Freezer

20th, 6pm to 9pm

Learn the necessary steps you must take to preserve your deer meat from the field to the freezer. We will show you how to field-dress and butcher different portions of the deer. This class will provide tips which will enhance the quality of your venison dinners. **Registration opens August 18th.**



How To Mount A Rifle Scope

21st, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Learn the proper techniques of mounting a telescopic sight on your target or hunting rifle. We will discuss various mounting options, methods of installation, and necessary tools. **Registration opens August 21st.**



Missouri Hunter Education Certification Course

Saturday, 23rd, and Sunday, 24th - 9am to 4pm each day

The Hunter Education Certification Course, open to ages 11 and up, youth ages 11 through 13 must have an adult attend with them, ages 15 and younger must bring birth certificate, ages 16 and older must have a valid ID. Students must attend both days and pass exam.

Registration opens August 23rd.



Tree Stand Safety

28th, 6pm to 8pm

We will learn the safe use of various types of tree stands including the use of fall restraint devices. Demonstrations will include climbing stands, ladder stands, and hang-on stands. **Registration opens August 28th.**



After your application has been approved you will be partnered up with one of the current volunteers or a staff member to show you the ropes.

Most of the duties we ask of our volunteers is to walk the firing line (both the rifle/pistol and the trap range) and assist the shooters with any questions they may have about the range rules or maybe troubleshooting a problem with their firearm. Opportunities to help with or lead one of our programs or class do exist but are not required.

Many of our current volunteers are shooters and/or hunters who enjoy the comrade of others with similar interest. We have both male and female volunteers and even a few husband and wife couples who enjoy spending some of their free time volunteering at the range. So if you have some spare time on your hands or maybe recently retired and not know what to do with yourself come on out to the open house and see what it's all about.



St. Louis Region Hunter Education Certification Courses

ALL COURSES ARE FREE OF CHARGE TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS NOTED

(additional courses listed on range program pages)

Jefferson County

Location: Arnold Rifle & Pistol Club

Date: Aug 14th thru 23rd

Time: 6:30pm to 9:30pm each Mon & Wed

Registration#: (636) 464-6214

Location: Jefferson College Arts & Science Bldg

Date: Aug 22nd, 24th & 26th

Time: 22nd & 24th 6:30pm to 9:30pm

26th 8am to 3pm

Registration#: (636) 797-3000 ext 144

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: Red Brick Sporting Goods, House Springs

Date: Sep 5th, 7th & 9th

Time: 5th & 7th 6:30pm to 9:30pm

9th 8am to 3pm

Registration#: (636) 922-8233

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: Festus/Crystal Elks Lodge

Date: Sep 9th & 10th

Time: 8am to 4pm each day

Registration#: (636) 937-0910

Remarks: Registration Begins Aug 22nd

Location: Jeffco Baptist Assoc. Park

Date: Sep 12th, 14th & 16th

Time: 5th & 7th 6:30pm to 9:30pm

9th 8am to 4pm

Registration#: (636) 931-2815

Remarks: \$3 for Lunch

Location: High Ridge Civic Center

Date: Sep 16th & 17th

Time: 8am to 4pm each day

Registration#: (636) 797-5334

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: Jefferson College

Date: Sep 19th, 21st & 23rd

Time: 19th & 21st 6:30pm to 9:30pm

23rd 8am to 3pm

Registration#: (636) 797-3000 ext 144

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: Arnold Rifle & Pistol Club

Date: Sep 5th thru Oct 4th

Time: 6:30pm to 9:30pm each Mon & Wed

Registration#: (636) 464-6214

Location: First Baptist Church of Arnold

Date: Sep 26th, 28th & 30th

Time: 26th & 28th 6:30pm to 9:30pm

30th 8am to 4pm

Registration#: (636) 296-7729 ext 101

Lincoln County

Location: University of Mo Extension, Troy

Date: Aug 11th & 12th

Time: 11th - 6pm to 9pm & 12th - 9am to 6pm

Registration#: (636) 441-4554

Location: Elsberry American Legion

Date: Sep 9th

Time: 7am to 6pm

Registration#: (636) 441-4554

Remarks: Registration Begins July 31st

Location: University of Mo Extension, Troy

Date: Sep 29th & 30th

Time: 11th - 6pm to 9pm & 12th - 8am to 6pm

Registration#: (636) 441-4554

Remarks: Registration Begins August 21st

St. Charles County

Location: Wentzville Parks Green Lantern

Date: Aug 5th & 6th

Time: 9am to 4pm each day

Registration#: (636) 332-9236

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: St. Charles Community College

Date: Aug 5th & 6th

Time: 9am to 4pm each day

Registration#: (636) 922-8233

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: St. Peters Senior Center

Date: Aug 19th & 20th

Time: 9am to 4pm each day

Registration#: (636) 477-6600 ext 400

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: St. Charles Community College

Date: Sep 9th & 10th

Time: 9am to 4pm each day

Registration#: (636) 922-8233

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Location: St. Charles Community College

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Time: 9am to 4pm each day

Registration#: (636) 922-8233

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: St. Peters Senior Center

Date: Sep 23rd & 24th

Time: 9am to 4pm each day

Registration#: (636) 477-6600 ext 400

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: Lake St. Louis Fire Dept

Date: Sep 30th & Oct 1st

Time: 9am to 4pm each day

Registration#: (636) 625-7943

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: Wright City Lions Club

Date: Sep 30th & Oct 1st

Time: 9am to 5pm each day

Registration#: (636) 441-4554

Remarks: Registrations Begin August 21st

St. Louis County

Location: Powder Valley Nature Center

Date: Aug 12th & 13th

Time: 9am to 4pm each day

Registration#: (314) 301-1500

Remarks: Registrations Begin July 3rd

Location: Forrest Park Community College

Date: Aug 12th & 13th

Time: 9am to 4pm each day

Registration#: (314) 664-9175

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: Meramec Community College

Date: Aug 19th & 20th

Time: 6pm to 9pm each Tuesday & Thursday

Registration#: (314) 963-8689 ext 4

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: Brentwood Parks and Rec

Date: Aug 22nd thru 31st

Time: 9am to 4pm each

Registration#: (314) 963-8689 ext 4

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: Crestview Middle School

Date: Sep 5th thru Oct 10th

Time: 7pm to 9:30pm each Tuesday

Registration#: (314) 984-7777

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: Florissant Valley Community College

Date: Sep 9th & 10th

Time: 9am to 4pm each day

Registration#: (314) 513-4444



MDC Agent Tim Tallent (pictured), agent for Franklin County and St. Louis Region's Hunter Education Agent Instructor of the Year award winner for 2005

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: Powder Valley Nature Center

Date: Sep 9th & 10th

Time: 9am to 4pm each day

Registration#: (314) 301-1500

Remarks: Reservations Begin July 31st

Location: Mehlville High School

Date: Sep 12th thru Oct 10th

Time: 7pm to 9:30pm each Tuesday

Registration#: (314) 984-7777

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: Forrest Park Community College

Date: Sep 16th & 17th

Time: 9am to 4pm each day

Registration#: (314) 664-9175

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: Greensfelder Rec Complex, Ballwin

Date: Sep 16th & 17th

Time: 9am to 4pm each day

Registration#: (314) 615-4386

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: Oakville High School

Date: Sep 20th thru Oct 18th

Time: 7pm to 9:30pm each Wednesday

Registration#: (314) 984-7777

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: Meramec Community College

Date: Sep 23rd & 24th

Time: 9am to 4pm each day

Registration#: (314) 984-7777

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Location: Forrest Park Community College

Date: Sep 30th & Oct 1st

Time: 9am to 4pm each day

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Location: Florissant Valley Community College

Date: Sep 30th & Oct 1st

Time: 9am to 4pm each day

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Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Location: Meramec Community College

Date: Sep 30th & Oct 1st

Time: 9am to 4pm each day

Registration#: (314) 984-7777

Remarks: \$5 fee charged by facility

Warren County

Location: Warrenton VFW

Date: Aug 4th & 5th

Time: 4th - 6:30pm to 9:30pm &

5th - 9am to 5pm

Registration#: (636) 441-4554

Location: Warrenton Fire House #2

Date: Sep 16th & 17th

Time: 9am to 5pm each day

Registration#: (636) 456-8939

Remember to check us out on the web for additions, updates and future programs.

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JEFFERSON CITY MO
PERMIT 274

Look On The Web And Register For Our Up Coming Outdoor Programs Here Are Just A Few!

www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis

www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/busch or www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/henges

October

At Busch

5th & 8th Youth Upland Game Bird Clinic and Hunt
17th Wader Safety
18th Flint & Steel Campfire Starting & Hotdog Roast
24th-26th & 28th NRA Basic Rifle

At Henges

11th Why Does My Husband Hunt?
26th Photography For Hunters

November

At Henges

1st African American Adult Shotgun Deer Hunting Clinic
8th Youth Upland Game Bird Hunting Clinic

At Busch

1st, 2nd & 4th NRA Muzzle Loading Rifle
11th Deep Frying Turkeys
28th & 29th NRA Shotgun Reloading
30th & Dec 2nd Skeet Shooting Basics

Outdoor Education Center Volunteers Wanted

Do you like working with people of all ages? We are continually looking for individuals who enjoy sharing their time, love for the outdoors and dedication to conservation. If you are interested contact us at:

Busch (636) 300-1953 ext 251

Henges (636) 938-9548

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